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## CALENDAR

### MARCH 2010

- March 4** School Dance  
4:00
- March 5** Parent Coffee  
7:30 AM  
1st Grade FACT  
1:00 PM  
PK PACT  
1:00 PM
- March 8 - 12** Spring Break  
No school
- March 16** PTO Meeting  
6:00 PM
- March 22 - 26** Book Fair
- March 23-25** Parent Teacher  
Conferences  
Early Release  
12:20
- March 26** Earning our  
stripes Celebration

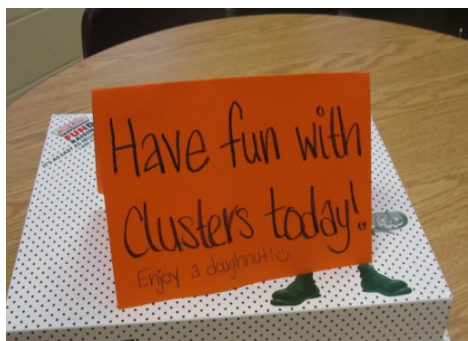


## Second Session of Clusters!

We are very excited to let parents know that Enrichment Clusters will begin again on March 18<sup>th</sup>! Clusters will take place every Thursday for one hour and will last for eight weeks.

The kids have already voted for their cluster choice and were able to choose from over 30 different clusters! Some of the cluster titles this session include:

*Student Ambassadors, Talented Tigers, Marvelous Manners, Reader Leaders, Mathematics at Work, and Junior Coaches in Action.*



Students will work together with their cluster teacher and people from the community to solve a real-world problem through their cluster.

After such amazing clusters in the fall, we can't wait to see the products that

J.J. Harris students will create as they problem-solve this spring through our second round of Enrichment Clusters!

The school will also have a fair

in May for parents to come and see all the fabulous products our children will create. In the mean time, ask your children what cluster they will be attending and what are they learning.

## TESTING NEWS

Students from 1st grade to 5th grade will be taking the CRCT on the following dates:

- Reading section, April 21
- Language Arts section, April 22
- Math section, April 27
- Science section, April 28 (Only 3rd, 4th and 5th grades)
- Social Studies section, April 29 (Only 3rd, 4th and 5th Grades)

Internet resources that parents can use to help with this test preparation are:

<http://www.clarke.k12.ga.us/> pull down the parent links, click on study guides for tests, click CRCT and review CRCT Study Guides located at the end of the page. Also visit: [www.georgiaoas.org](http://www.georgiaoas.org) for more CRCT practice.

## Get Ready for Your Parent Teacher Conference



Spring Parent Teacher conferences will take place March 23rd, 24th, and 25th. These conferences are very important because around this time teachers can give parents a more concrete idea about promotion to the next grade level. Please be on time for your conference with your child's teacher.

The school will offer translators for Spanish speaking parents, however, if someone in your family is fully bilingual ask that person to come with you. In this way, you are helping our school to better serve the parents that truly need translation services..

Remember your children will be going home at 12:20 on the days of conferences. These are some questions you can ask your teacher when you come in for your conference:

- Is my child performing at a grade level in basic skills?
- How can I help my child to become an even stronger learner?
- What do my child's test scores show? What are his/her strengths and weakness?
- Can we go over some examples of my child's work?
- Does my child need extra help in any other area?

## PTO NEWS



**Parents:** The organization is currently taking officer nominations for next school

year. Please consider nominating someone or yourself to be president, vice-president or treasurer of our organization. Your opinions are important. Join your school's PTO. You can contact Clara Londono at the school to make your nomination.

This month's PTO meeting is going to be March 16th at 6:00.

PTO is recycling cell phones to raise money for the organization during February and March.